

REMARKS

1. Status of Claims

After the amendments to the claims, claims 1-33 are pending in the application.

2. Claim Amendments

Claims 20-33 have been added. Claims 20 and 27 find support on page 7, lines 5-7, and page 25, lines 2-3. Claims 21 and 28 find support on page 17, lines 18-23. Claims 22 and 29 find support on page 14, lines 23-24. Claims 23 and 30 find support on page 15, lines 6-7. Claims 24 and 31 find support on page 15, lines 1-5. Claims 25 and 32 find support in Example 1. Claims 26 and 33 find support on page 17, lines 3-7. No new matter has been introduced by the amendments made herein.

3. Claim Rejections Under Doctrine of Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

Claims 1-12 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-27 of U.S. Patent No. 6,333,087. Applicants respectfully disagree with this basis for rejection. However, Applicants present a terminal disclaimer executed by their undersigned representative to obviate this rejection.

Claims 13-19 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-54 of U.S. Patent No. 6,406,644. Applicants respectfully disagree with this basis for rejection. However, Applicants present a terminal disclaimer executed by their undersigned representative to obviate this rejection.

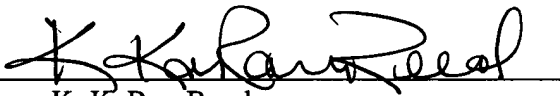
4. *Final Remarks*

Applicants respectfully submit that pending claims 1-33 are in condition for allowance.
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned patent attorney at (832) 813-4339 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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